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Citing Public Safety and Taxpayer's Financial Interest, Controller Releases Review on City's Oil & Gas Wells

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Hancock oil field, 1910, site of the current day La Brea Tar Pits | Photo/L.A. Library Archives,

L.A. Controller Ron Galperin released a review about the more than 1,000 active or idle oil and gas wells within the City of Los Angeles. The Controller's special review touches on three main themes:

1. Protecting Angelenos' public safety and health,
2. Protecting taxpayers' financial interests and,
3. Increasing transparency.

The review lays out a plan for officials to take a more proactive, inclusive approach to inspect the 780 active and 287 idle wells while also ensuring total accountability for the 4,063 wells that are plugged and abandoned or buried.

"We cannot wait until disaster strikes to take a more wide-ranging look at how we can protect Los Angeles and ensure total accountability for taxpayers." L.A. Controller Ron Galperin said. "With so many active or idle wells throughout many L.A. neighborhoods, it's vital that we do everything possible to protect Angelenos' health and safety, the taxpayers' financial interests and increase transparency."

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See the report, recommendations and a map illustrating all oil and gas wells within the City of Los Angeles. <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=f380bf5747&e=d6704bb280>

Controller Unveils Map Connecting L.A.'s LGBTQ Youth with Vital Resources

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L.A. Controller Ron Galperin released a map detailing free and local resources to help LGBTQ homeless youth throughout greater Los Angeles.

The map, online at [www.lacontroller.org/lgbtqresourcemap](http://www.lacontroller.org/lgbtqresourcemap) <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=f2ba90f09c&e=d6704bb280>, lists 143 organizations located in Los Angeles County that offer free housing, health resources, youth programs, education programs, scholarships, legal services, nutrition and more.

While the information listed is available for all of the estimated 53,000 people in L.A. County experiencing homelessness, it is geared for LGBTQ homeless youth. While LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness have similar needs to their non-LGBTQ peers, they also have

needs specific to their identities. The map <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=6e23e661f6&e=d6704bb280> is part of an ongoing effort by Controller Galperin to map City resources and present data in clear, concise and usable ways.

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Controller Ron Galperin recognized outgoing Ethics Commission President Jessica Levinson (left) and announced her successor Lambda Legal Regional Director Rick Davis (right). Photos/Office of L.A. Controller

Controller Galperin offered words of appreciation to L.A. City Ethics Commission President Jessica Levinson at the conclusion of her term. During her five year tenure, Levinson worked to preserve public trust by building a better, stronger and more robust Ethics Commission. The following day, the Controller's new appointee, Lambda Legal Regional Director Rick Davis, was confirmed by the L.A. City Council and sworn into his position. Davis will continue to uphold the the values shared by the Controller and the Commission: trust, transparency and accountability.

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Checkbook LA is your go-to source for information on all the goods and services purchased by the City of Los Angeles. It provides a transparent look of where your money is going including how the library uses taxpayer dollars for everyday programs, like children's reading programs.

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Honoring Victims of Gun Violence, Calling for Sensible Change

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March For Our Lives LA hosted a "die-in" demonstration on the steps of City Hall in honor of the 49 victims killed in the Pulse nightclub shooting two years ago. Photos/Office of Controller Ron Galperin.

This year marks the second anniversary of the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, where 49 people were fatally gunned down. In memory of the victims, the Controller participated in a "die-in" demonstration at City Hall with support from a number of organizations including March For Our Lives LA. Participants were asked to drop to the ground for 720 seconds (or 12 minutes) to represent the number of lives lost due to mass shootings since the Pulse nightclub massacre.

"There are, of course, no simple solutions for hatred, for extremism, for violence," said L.A. Controller Ron Galperin. "It's about education, mental health, reducing violence in our media and having reasonable gun laws."

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Controller Ron Galperin with current and former interns who have each contributed their varying skillsets to the office and taxpayers. Photo/Office of Controller Ron Galperin. Last week, Controller Galperin hosted an appreciation brunch for the office's outgoing intern class each of whom dedicated long hours to help with communications, planning events, data management and more. We thank them for their hard work and invite you or someone you know to apply for an internship today. We are currently accepting intern applications in the areas of government affairs, external affairs and communications. More information can be found here --> [lacontroller.org/careers](http://lacontroller.org/careers)

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Over the past few weeks, L.A. Controller Galperin spent time traveling around Los Angeles, supporting organizations working to leave a positive impact on our community. He joined thousands of supporters on the rainbow flag filled streets of West Hollywood for the 48th annual Los Angeles Pride Parade. The Controller also took part in the official dedication of the Venice Pride Flag Lifeguard Tower and honored the life and work of former Councilman Bill Rosendahl with L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and Venice Pride. He also joined Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell in the opening of City Hall's first ever exhibit spotlighting LGBT U.S. Olympic Athletes and offered well wishes to Gary Toeppen at his retirement party.

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